UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

> Ex parte DONG-HO HAN, JOONG-HO KIM, JIANGQI HE, and HYUNJUN KIM

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Application No. 10/690,928

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Appeals and Interferences on October 31, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

REPLY BRIEF

Improper Acknowledgment

On April 5, 2007, the Examiner mailed a communication acknowledging receipt of Appellants' Reply Brief, dated August 2, 2007. A review of this communication reveals that the Examiner did not provide proper acknowledgment.

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The comments made by the Examiner constitute a Supplemental Examiner's Answer. In accordance with MPEP § 1207.05, all Supplemental Examiner's Answers must be approved by a Technology Center (TC) Director or designee. The Communication mailed April 5, 2007, was not signed by the Technology Center Director or designee.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the application is returned to the Examiner for the signature of the Technology Center Director or designee on the Supplemental Examiner's Answer and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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